



# The Bugle Boy Newsletter



**Congratulations to Mrs. Alison Della Rocco, the lucky winner of two tickets to Disney World.**

**Fall is Here.**  
**By Mr. Guy Drab**



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## 19 Oct 01 Spouse's Expo

Come meet other spouses while experiencing the "Magic of Miami". Visit the Wellness booth for a quick massage and health information. Gather hurricane information from the Red Cross, ask about health benefits from your Tricare representative, get a free guest pass to the Radisson shops, and so much more.

Call Jennifer Harms for more information, or to pre-register for free childcare at: (305) 437-2667.

## 27 Oct 01 U.S. SOUTHCOM Fall Picnic

U. S. SOUTHCOM Fall Picnic Key Biscayne Crandon Park Starts 1000 hrs – 1500 hrs.

Contact your directorate MWR POCs.

Fall brings a lot of activity and changes to life at U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND in beautiful Miami. Children are back in school, hurricane season is in full swing and a variety of events vie for our attention. Among the most immediate and significant will be the Military Family in Transition and Schools Focus Conference at the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel on Saturday morning, 29 September from 0830 to 1200. A free Continental Breakfast will be provided. The purpose of the 29 September meeting is to give our military families with school age children an opportunity to identify problems involving their transition into Florida's schools. Small groups of parents, students and educators will be formed to brainstorm recommendations and solutions. Issues and potential solutions identified at the conference will be presented to state officials in Tallahassee. The Conference is open to all Military Family members, especially TEEN-AGE students.

Some issues that have already been mentioned for the discussion are:

- Missing the FCAT or other testing
- Graduation requirements
- Reciprocity/transfer of credits from another state into Florida
- Home schooling standards
- School calendar differences
- Guidance counselor support for the student to prepare for College
- Guidance counselor support for social, emotional and academic issues
- Participation in school clubs, honor societies, sport teams
- Special education, talented and gifted program issues
- Parent-teacher partnerships/collaboration on curriculum etc.

The Focus Group/Roundtable meeting is an outgrowth of the Military Family Transition Schools Working Group that has been established to identify school transition issues for school age youth entering the State of Florida. Each base/installation, in all of the services, within the state of Florida, has a representative on the working group. Mr. Michael L. Rhodes, Advisor to the CINC, for Sustaining Base/Quality of Life Affairs chairs the working group.

If you would like to participate email: [tricarim@hq.southcom.mil](mailto:tricarim@hq.southcom.mil) and enter in the SUBJECT: RSVP 29 Sept, or call Mr. Maurice Tricarico at (305) 437-1019. If you are unable to attend, yet want to contribute, then send in your issues. Also, if you had a related problem that you overcame, we would like to know the issue and resolution. Use the email address: [tricarim@hq.southcom.mil](mailto:tricarim@hq.southcom.mil) and enter in the SUBJECT: ISSUES.

In October 19th, the Spouse's Expo, "The Magic of Miami" will be held at the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel. See the item featured within this newsletter for details.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you at Crandon Park, Key Biscayne for the SOUTHCOM Fall Picnic on Saturday, 27 October 2001.

### **MWR Trips & Tours.**

**Let us do the driving as you kick back and enjoy the scenery. All trips include transportation & tolls.**

For more information call Mr. Lothar Einsfeld (305) 437-2639. .

**5 Oct 2001**

**U.S. SOUTHCOM**

**CINC'S Cup**

**Golf Tournament**

**Miami Springs Golf Course**

**Starts: 0800 hrs**

**Cost: \$33.00 (include cart, green fee & lunch)**



**6 Oct 2001**

**Kennedy Space Center**

**Cape Canaveral**

**Experience NASA's**

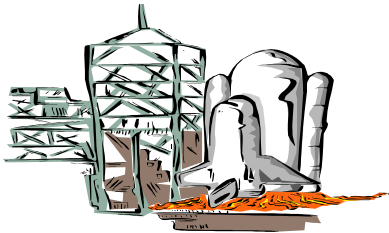
**Past, Present and Future**

**Adults \$21.50**

**Children (3 - 9) \$13.20**

**Registration Deadline: 3 Oct 01**

**Depart 0700 hrs - Return 2100 hrs**



**20 Oct 2001**

**Parrot Jungle & Gardens**

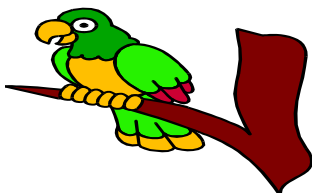
**Escape to the Jungle**

**Adults \$12.95**

**Children (3-10) \$8.95**

**Registration Deadline: 8 Oct 01**

**Depart 1000 hrs - Return 1600 hrs**



**26 Oct 2001**

**Disney on Ice**

**Mickey, Minnie, Donald, Daisy and Goofy**

**At the Miami Arena 1930 hrs.**

**Tickets are available at \$12.75 for upper row seats.**

**3 Nov 2001**

**Orlando Sea World**

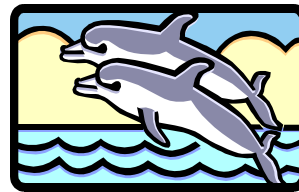
**Image you and your family being there!!**

**Adults \$43.00**

**Children (3 - 9) \$35.00**

**Registration Deadline: 3 Oct 01**

**Depart 0600 hrs - Return 2300 hrs**



**Get ready for the up coming events**

**1 Dec 2001**

**Deep Sea Fishing**

**\$25.00 per angler**

**(Equipment & Bait included)**

**Registration Deadline: 29 Nov 01**

**Depart 1200 hrs - Return 1800 hrs**

**5 Dec 2001**

**Disney World/Orlando**

**Journey through seven fantastic lands where classic**

**Disney tales and characters come to life**

**Adults \$46.50**

**Children (3 - 9) \$37.00**

**Registration Deadline: 2 Dec 01**

**Depart 0600 hrs - Return 2300 hrs**

## Spouse's Corner

### Zip Code Coffee Groups:

Come join us monthly, meet other SOUTHCOS spouses and exchange ideas, babysitters, places to go, best bargains, best doctors, you name it! Know that you're not alone out there

**Kendall, Hammocks, Central Dade, South Dade:**

Missy Whiddon 305-971-3131 or Linda Payne 786-242-9249

**Weston, Davie, Plantation, Fort Lauderdale, Coral Springs and North:**

Harriot Johnston 954-385-2296

**Pembroke Pines, Cooper City, Hollywood, Miramar:**

Melissa Badami 954-443-7732

**Doral, North Dade:**

Valerie Peralta 305-436-8340 or Gabriela Scott 305-468-8947



### Education Center

The Education Center is located at the Codina Building 8300 NW 33rd St., Suite 110. Point of Contact Mr. Tommy Byrd (305) 437-1144.

A variety of testing services are available. Language proficiency testing, CLEP and DANTES, Proctored University testing, military and promotion testing are available. Elementary Spanish I, Intermediate Spanish II, and conversational Spanish courses lasts approx. 8 weeks. POC are: Mrs. Michelle Keck (305) 437-1959, and Ana Barbosa-Zeinieh (305) 437-1141.

The University of Maryland offers high quality distance learning program in several areas of study. POC: John Heinz (305) 437-1959.

Central Michigan University has established a Master of Science (MSA) in Administration program. POC: Tommy Byrd (305) 437-1444.

## What's up in Miami??

The Family Support Center is sponsoring its monthly Miami area tour. The tour begins 0900 hrs and ends 1545 hrs. Meets at the Codina Building 8300 NW 33 St. Suite 110. For more information or to sign up for the tour, call (305) 437-2665. Tour is free to military personnel and their families.

### Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

The Combined Federal Campaign is the annual fund-raising drive conducted by Federal Employees in their workplace. Each year military personnel and Federal employees raise millions of dollars through the CFC that benefits thousands of non-profit charities. By allowing Federal employees to select charities from a single brochure and to make contributions via payroll deductions, the CFC provides opportunities for generous, voluntary contributions to worthy causes. The Combined Federal Campaign's tradition of commitment to the community through the selfless efforts of Federal Employees traces its roots to many charitable campaign's since the early 1940. Recognizing the need to bring fund raising efforts under one umbrella, Federal Employees created the CFC under the direction of the US Office of Personnel Management. Your contribution is the potential lifeblood of community organizations supported by the CFC. The federal government believes so much in your charitable support, that it allows you to make these contributions tax-free. The 2001 CFC Campaign runs from October 1st through November 16th. Please join the rest of U.S. SOUTHCOS supporting this year's CFC Campaign. Contact your Directorate for pledge forms. Point of contacts:

SCJ1 YNC (SW) Perkins (305) 437-2956

SCJ2 LT Chris Garcia (305) (305) 437-2980

SCJ3 Maj Padilla (305) 437-3050

SCJ4 SSG Cooper (305) 437-3560

SCJ5 Cpt Chiaravallotti (305) 437-1525

SCJ6 TSgt Eskridge (305) 437-1649

SCJ8 Ms. Negrette (305) 437-1802

SG Msg Rodriguez (305) 437-1332

IG SFC Allie or Mr. Stuckey (305) 437-3204

ASA Ms. Montalvo (305) 437-1904

SCEN Ms. Leach (305) 437-1156

SCPA JO1 Puella (305) 437-1207

SCRA Maj Olivo (305) 437-26

Portocol SSG Quinones (305) 437-1037

SCJA Sgt Peterson (305) 437-1307

JIATFE Ms. McShane (305) 437-5481

## Transitioning To Civilian Life

Leaving the military is not easy for everyone. There are many decisions to be made, procedures to follow and a variety of forms to be completed. To ensure that you start off on the right track, you are mandated to attend a Pre-separation Briefing on 10 Oct 01 from 1430 – 1600 hrs, at the Codina Bldg. 8300 NW 33rd St

The next Transition Assistance Workshop is on Oct 22 – 25 from 0800 hrs – 1630 hrs, at the La Quinta Hotel, 8730 NW 27th St. Call (305) 437-2665/2632 for registration or contact Marva Creary, Transition Assistance/Employment Readiness Manager at (305) 437-2671.

## Full Day Child Care

The following child cares are subsidized, and on a space available bases. The rates are based in the DoD child care fee rate.

Paradise Tailwinds Enrichment Center 7500 58th ST, Doral area  
(305) 437-2715

Paradise Christian School Center (none religious affiliation), 6184 W. 21st Ct., Hialeah (305) 828-7477

REM Learning Center – Country Walk 16400 SW 147th Ave. Kendall/Hammocks area, (305) 235-0300

REM Learning Center – South, 4465 SW 44th St., Kendall/Hammocks area, (305) 232-0606

New Beavers Kiddie Kollege 200 Canal St.. (305) 888-1715

Bright Horizons Family Solutions (RYDER) 3275 NW 84th Ave.  
(305) 477-7551

The Family Center, 9945 Sunset Dr. S. (305) 279-6966

Tanglewood Early Childhood Development Center, 9860 Pines Blvd.

Pembroke Pines. (954) 431-8805. Point of Contact is Mrs. Vilma Lesesne  
(305) 437-2715

## Family Support Center (FSC) Training Available

The Family Support Center (FSC) offers the following training: at the Education Center, Codina Bldg. 8300 NW 33rd St. Suite 110

Newcomers and Spouse Orientation  
POC: Jennifer Harms (305)437-2667

Basic Personal Finance POC: Richard Zimmerman (305) 437-26454

Interviewing Skills POC: Marva Creary (305) 437-2671

Pre-Separation Briefing POC: Marva Creary (305) 437-2671

Private Sector Employment POC: Marva Creary (305) 437-2671

Resume Writing POC: Marva Creary (305) 437-2671

Transition Assistance Program (TAP) POC: Marva Creary (305) 437-2671

## What's Up In SOUTHCOM

### Defense Commissary Agency Tent Sale

Defense Commissary Agency Tent sale

15-17 Nov 01 from 1000 hrs–1900, and

18 Nov 01 from 1000–1700 hrs. Location U.S. SOUTHCOM HQ, 3511 NW 91st Ave. East parking lot. Cash, checks, and major credit card only, no debit cards.

### Veterinary Services

Veterinary services are provide at Opa Locka Coast Guard Station.

26– 27 Oct, and 16-17 Nov. Point of Contact: Ms. Suzanne Estes

(305) 437-1304. Please call for more information at

(305) 953-2195, or (305) 953-2111). If you only need medication

(Frontline or Heartworm), and your pets' records are current then

you need to bring only the records.

### Religious Affairs

Weekly Inter-denominational Bible Study/Fellowship on

Wednesdays from 1200-1300 hrs. (Subject to change). Point of

Contact is TSgt York (305) 437-1024

### U.S. SOUTHCOM Clinic

The Clinic serves those who are TRICARE enrolled at SOUTHCOM

Office hours: 0730-1630 For appointments call:

(305) 437-3559, or visit the TRICARE Service Center at: 8385

Pines Boulevard Pembroke Pines, FL 33024

Phone: (954) 443-6793 (954)443-6793

### Family Support Center Services (FSC) 8300 NW 33rd Street, Suite 110

Consumer Affairs (305) 437-2645

Customer Services/Receptionist (305) 437-2665

Emergency Financial Assistance (305) 437-2645

Employment Readiness (305) 437-2671

Information Referral (305) 437-2726

Military Family Action Plan (305) 437-2639

Notary Public Services (305) 437-2671

Transition Assistance Program (305) 437-2671

We welcome our new staff:

Peggy Corpman (FSC) Secretary

Victoria Dubois (FSC) Officer